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## XUPD, SGA respond to crime spike

*Increased patrols, portable light, new committee aim to address students' concerns*

BY ELLEN SIEFKE  
*Managing Editor*

The Xavier community is no stranger to crime. However, throughout the past few months, students and residents alike have witnessed a noticeable uptick. That spike became even more personal when a Xavier student was assaulted and robbed last week.

Though the student is safe and recovering from the attack, according to Student Government Association (SGA) President Zeina Farhat, the incident increased fear amongst students. That, coupled with the two shootings that took place this past weekend, led to a meeting among Xavier University Police (XUPD) Chief Joseph Milek, Farhat and SGA Vice Presidents Eduardo Patron and Ryan Fitzgerald to address the crimes as well as the department's response to them.

"When a Xavier student was involved, there was a feeling that perhaps students were being targeted, which Chief (Milek) dispelled," Patron said. "It affected our community, and there was an upspike, and that brought it to our attention, but then when an actual Xavier student was affected, it made us anxious to get together."

With the spike in activity, XUPD has enacted its own measures and cooperated with other organizations in the surrounding community to help restore confidence and a sense of security, both on and off campus.

Milek explains that the spike began with a series of robberies at UDF stores. The robberies were not specific to Norwood but plagued the entire city as well as northern Kentucky.

Milek notes that the robberies did not target any Xavier-affiliated persons but rather specific businesses. The suspects waited until the stores were vacant and then made their move. Nevertheless, within the last week, several arrests were made, and according to Milek, the incidents seem to have halted.

No sooner did the robber-

ies cease, however, than crime spiked in Evanston, a neighborhood that encloses much of campus and had enjoyed a relatively low crime rate up until last week.

"We had the safety committee meeting with Captain (James) Gramke from District 2 last week, and he was talking about, you know, 'Evanston is awesome, crime's down, we haven't had any problems at all,' and I thanked him in a meeting where I said, 'you know as soon as you said that, everything happened.'" Milek said. "But it was. Really, for the past two years, Evanston's been very quiet...and then overnight, literally overnight, we had a number of incidents that took place."

The first incident in question was the aforementioned assault of a student. Milek personally has followed up with the student several times and expressed amazement at his or her concern for the rest of the student body.

The second incident was a shooting that took place early Saturday morning. It was not believed to be connected to the assault, and a Public Safety Notice was issued. The third incident was a homicide that took place early Monday morning on the 1800 block of Rutland Avenue toward Trimble Avenue, which is close to Dana's Gardens. Again, a Public Safety Notice was issued.

***"That's my overarching goal right now: to reduce fear and instill more confidence so that our students aren't anxious."***

***-Xavier Police Chief Joseph Milek***

The last incident in particular sparked fear amongst students, and SGA senators expressed concern that they did not receive a notification from XU Alert Me.

Farhat says that this was actually the first question she directed toward Milek during their meeting.

In short, an XU Alert Me is issued only when an incident is deemed an immediate threat to students. In the case of the homicide, the suspect was taken into custody and the weapon recovered. In other words, for all intents and purposes, the incident was handled, and there was no threat to Xavier students. Thus, a Public Safety Notice was given so as to



Newswire photo by Sydney Sanders

***In response to the spike in crime throughout Norwood and Evanston, Xavier Police has increased patrols and cooperated with the Cincinnati Police force as a whole to better ensure students' and residents' safety.***

inform students of the incident but not cause any unnecessary alarm.

In addition to getting answers like that, the discussion resulted in a campus-wide message to reiterate that the crimes do not target Xavier or any specific individuals, explain the differences among XU Alert Me, Public Safety Notices and Timely Warnings and list available resources.

Before the meeting took place, XUPD officers went door-knocking to spread word of the crime spike. Officers noted that this effort drew a positive response from residents in particular.

"Quite frankly, the community members, I think, were pretty much blown away that we cared about them and went and did that," Milek said.

The door-knocking also showed officers that they were largely unaware of where exactly students live off campus, which, in combination with the meeting with the SGA executives, has resulted in three main responses.

The first comes in the form of increased patrol activity, which has impressed even Milek. He cites an example where the report of shots fired led to 12 different patrol cars coming to the scene.

"I've been a police officer for 22 years with Cincinnati, and I can tell you that I've never seen anything like it," Milek said.

Along those same lines, Cincinnati Police District 2 held an "all hands on deck" meeting, in which 30 different units agreed to focus their attention specifically on the

Evanston area. This means more bike and police car patrols in addition to seeing more officers on campus.

"I've also welcomed (the officers) to our campus, because I think the more our students interact with the Cincinnati officers and the Norwood officers, the safer that they're going to feel," Milek said.

Second, a portable light was installed at the corner of Brooks Avenue and Clarion Avenue, where some of the activity has been concentrated. Though the light will remain there as long as it as needed, Milek advises against being lulled into a false sense of security and asserted that students should still remain alert and follow the normal precautions of walking in groups, avoiding shortcuts and utilizing the police escort services as necessary.

Finally, the Norwood Council has formed a committee comprised of members of XUPD and the Office of Student Affairs, other administrators and members of Norwood Police and Fire to work together to address the issues and formulate a response.

Milek explains that once students learn of these measures, they express a greater sense of security. Parents who call with similar concerns have the same reaction.

"Some of this isn't very flattering for Xavier, not that it's connected to Xavier in any way, but the response by our students is 'I know that I can pick up the phone,' 'I know that the officers care,' 'I know that I can get an escort,'" Milek said. "Hearing that and

seeing that really does my heart good, especially during a time when so much effort and stress has been put in, so that's awesome."

All three agreed that a big takeaway was the need for a better system of communicating information to students, specifically about XUPD's role in responding to incidents like those that transpired.

"It was kind of disconcerting to think that students didn't think we were doing anything, especially when we're logging 16 hours a day," Milek said. "...There's got to be a better way for me to (communicate), and I'll be exploring that."

Farhat says this is where SGA comes into play — the executives' relationship with the chief helps bring issues like that of communication to the forefront.

"We are students first, and we will fight for students," Farhat said. "We put our concerns in front of Chief (Milek). (XUPD is) doing things; it's just a matter of getting information out there."

Ultimately, with the message sent out to the student body and greater communication, Milek hopes to assure students of their well-being both on and off campus.

"That's my overarching goal right now: to reduce fear and instill more confidence so that our students aren't anxious, and they're able to relax and they're able to study and perform and concentrate on the things I think they should be concentrating on," Milek said.



# E/RS Interview asks is God dead?

## Xavier professors discuss existence of and belief in God in a modern society

BY RYAN KAMBICH  
Copy Editor

The Ethics/Religion and Society Program hosted its first event, “Is God Dead?” on Sept. 13 in Kennedy Auditorium. The event featured philosophy department Chair Dr. Timothy Quinn, theology professor and Lutheran Pastor Dr. Kristine Suna-Koro and Islamic Studies chair Dr. Waleed El-Ansary.

The three faculty members were interviewed by E/RS Director Dr. Gabe Gottlieb to get their perspective on the question, “Is God dead?”, a reference to Friedrich Nietzsche’s controversial 1882 aphorism from *The Gay Science*: “Gods too decompose. God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him.”

Quinn, a lifelong reader of Nietzsche, was quick to explain that “God” in this context refers to all forms of higher authority, and that modern science had rendered the ancient authority of “God” dead. However, newfound reverence for science and the nation-state constituted the rise of new Gods for Nietzsche, who saw them exert inordinate control over our lives. This rise of scientism and nationalism defined a new conception of God, likewise grounded in a form of faith.

Fundamentally, according

to Quinn, the death of God represents the death of an important fount of meaning for Western civilization.

Suna-Koro, when asked about the issue, responded that “rumors of God’s death have been greatly exaggerated,” drawing laughter from the crowd.

She went on to explain that in order to meaningfully prod the question, we must all reflect on our conceptions of God and added that God takes on a number of forms. In some cases, Suna-Koro said the rise of science has rendered certain conceptions of God unbelievable. However, there are still visions that persist unscathed.

She also pointed out that many, especially among Christian sects, now see God as “functionally absent” in their lives, leading millennials to report dissatisfaction with institutionalized religion and low levels of belonging to religious affiliations.

Meanwhile, Dr. El-Ansary pointed out that among Muslim youths, the faith has never been stronger, and in fact seems to be growing.

He explained that while Nietzsche has heavily influenced the dissatisfaction of Christians in the West, Islamic thought never separated science, philosophy and



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Left to right: Dr. Waleed El-Ansary, Dr. Kristine Suna-Koro, Dr. Timothy Quinn and Dr. Gabe Gottlieb at E/RS panel.

theology, but instead blended the three. Therefore, the rise of scientism in the West never had the same impact on Islamic thought and never dissatisfied its intellectual elite or practitioners. Rather, the authority of God is indistinguishable from the findings of science or the questions of philosophy and is therefore very much living.

“I think it is a very pertinent topic, especially during this political time, even though the E/RS event was not political in a sense,” Dr. Suparna Chatterjee of the history department said. “For

some, God is a kind of support system. For some God is a route to something. And some don’t believe in God. So what are these various intersecting forces? What are the thoughts and the cognitions that come up when you think of God? I was really thankful for perspectives that came from the theologians and the philosophers.”

“I think one of the strengths that the talk had was bringing together theologians and philosophers to answer the same question,” junior HAB and philosophy double major Yan Idrissov agreed.

“They were able to have these two almost radically different sides talk about a question that both camps have to deal with and work through.”

When asked about the value of the E/RS Program, Idrissov explained, “It’s great because they are able to gather people from different backgrounds educationally, and that allows them to struggle with questions through their own background.”

The next E/RS event will be a lecture by Michael Brownstein on implicit bias. It will take place on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in Kennedy Auditorium.

# MarCom starts student vlogging project: XUPOV



Photos courtesy of xavier.edu/pov

Xavier University Point of View (XUPOV) employs students from a variety of majors and years to tell their stories.

BY BRITTANY WELLS  
Guest Writer

Xavier officially launched Xavier University Point of View (XUPOV) last January. The project facilitated student-created content such as blog posts or photographs of

the student perspective and vlogs. The program, launched by the Office of Marketing and Communications, creates content for Xavier’s website and social media platforms.

Video blogging or “vlogging” is a popular method

used originally by content creators primarily on YouTube, to intimately connect with their fan bases by filming everything from mundane tasks such as shopping and cooking to professionally documenting their everyday lives.

The “daily vlogging” movement took off when YouTube Personality Shay Carl began uploading a daily vlog of his family for four years—1,825 days straight of filming, editing and uploading.

According to *Time Magazine*, time spent watching family vloggers on YouTube is up 90 percent from last year.

It’s no wonder, then, why video producer Debora Del Valle would want to capitalize on the market for the university with XUPOV and Xavier’s “storytellers.”

Del Valle was assigned the project after Doug Ruschman, the assistant vice president for marketing and communications (MarCom), suggested the idea.

Ruschman was inspired to launch XUPOV after attending a convention where Georgetown University showcased its “Georgetown Stories” program in which students documented their lives through short videos.

Although paid for their work, students are mostly unrestricted in their content. MarCom wants to see the authentic perspective of a Xavier student.

“We didn’t tell them what to do,” explained Del Valle. “We said ‘we won’t make them

do a video on going to your academic advisor.”

First-year Tyler Gilkey was recently brought on the team of seven student storytellers. In addition to being the new kid on the block, Gilkey adds more diversity to the storytellers.

“We try to mix it up with different kinds of people . . . they’re going to be able to tell stories . . . I’m not going to be able to tell that story,” Del Valle remarked, “. . . I’m not a college student in 2017.”

Gilkey feels empowered by the opportunity to show prospective and current students Xavier and Cincinnati life through his eyes of a “psychology major who is bisexual and is involved in the arts.”

Gilkey intends to represent the school’s LGBTQ+ community with his newly-magnified voice. Gilkey said that vlogging is unique: “It’s more personal and interactive than any other platform because you get the opportunity to actually come along with me on my experiences and watch what it was like when it was live.”

You will soon find Gilkey’s channel, along with the other six storytellers at xavier.edu/pov as well as on Instagram @XU\_POV and on YouTube.



# McGrath gives advice on relaxing

## Campus doctors give tips and tricks, plus a look at upcoming Wellness Week

By BEVIN FREEMAN  
Guest Writer

Stress and anxiety are inevitable aspects of life for all people, but these feelings do not have to consume students at Xavier. There are many ways for students to reduce stress on campus.

Dr. Tim Barron, director of counseling at McGrath Health and Wellness Center was able to share his advice for student wellness. To keep the physical body healthy, Barron says to maintain a healthy diet and to get enough sleep at night.

As for emotional wellness, Barron says, “Students should keep in perspective the rhythm of the semester and that not every week will be as stressful. You will feel out of balance, but it is temporary and the stress of your courses will come in waves. There will be ups and downs.”

Barron also mentioned the importance of setting time out of the day to meditate and detach from technology, which relieves stress. Barron

leads a group at the McGrath Health and Wellness Center called “Jitters” where students can have group cognitive behavioral therapy to reduce anxiety.

Wellness yoga is also available from 3-4 p.m. on Friday afternoons at O’Connor in the second floor studio, and Zumba classes can be a fun way to relieve stress after a long day of studying.

Wellness Week is coming to Xavier on Sept. 25. Angie Kneflin, the care management coordinator and the dean of students, gave an inside look into what students can look forward to for Wellness Week.

On the first day, “Movies for Mental Health” will let students participate in a facilitated conversation about anxiety, depression and suicide.

The conversations will revolve around short films made by other college students from around the country that participated in a contest to make a film about mental health. The contest was supported by the



Photo courtesy of xavier.edu.

McGrath's doctors recommend scheduling time to meditate and also trying yoga or zumba for getting active.

organization Art with Impact.

This event will take place in the Gallagher Theater on Monday, Sept. 25 from 7-9 p.m. with a panel of students and professional counselors.

The following Tuesday there will be an event for masculinity and mental health with a panel discussion located in Kennedy Auditorium.

The author Kate Fagan will be on campus next Wednesday to give a talk about her book called *What Made Mad-die Run*, which is based on the true story of a victim of suicide. Fagan will be speaking about mental health in Gallagher Student Center at 8 p.m.

Another event will be led by XSASA, (Xavier Students

Against Sexual Assault) to connect sexual assault to wellness and suicide prevention.

If any Xavier student or member of the Xavier community needs to talk to someone about anxiety or depression, there are professional counselors eager to help at the McGrath Health and Wellness Center.

# International students speak on campus climate

By HYEHYUN HWANG  
Guest Writer

Two weeks ago, Ese Obri-mah’s article “Is Xavier for and with its students?” highlighted low funding in the Center for International Education (CIE), low attention to the international student population’s involvement on campus and even the discouragement for the growth of diversity within the campus.

Ese included in her article that 22 percent of the incoming class of 2021 categorize themselves as racial minorities. That number includes people who have lived their entire lives in the U.S. with their family of non-U.S. her-



Photo courtesy of xavier.edu.

International students make up about three percent of Xavier's population with 175 students enrolled, but some are concerned with campus climate.

itage. According to the CIE, there are 175 international students currently at Xavier. That makes up about three percent of the entire class of 2021. Xavier’s mission statement says, “In an inclusive

environment of open and free inquiry, we prepare students for a world that is increasingly diverse, complex and interdependent.” However some, like Ese, believe that this is not reflected in the annual decrease

of the international student population.

During interviews with international students, one of the most frequently mentioned topics was the political climate of the United States. Students, especially from the Middle East, are potentially afraid of what was going to happen to them throughout and after receiving their college education. Sophomore international student Nouf Alanazi broached the argument that there has been a clear atmospheric change in the nation after the current president made benighted comments on the Middle Eastern population.

“I’ve always had thoughts of not wanting to be here, but I have to finish my degree,” Alanazi said. “As a Middle Eastern girl, when Trump said bad things about the Middle East and Muslim people, I got scared. And my friends were scared, too. People got scared and went back to their country.”

“Maybe (staying in the United States) used to be safe,

but not anymore,” Alanazi said.

Other international students touched on the admissions process at Xavier. The reoccurring comment stressed what they perceive as a lack of attention and resources provided by the school.

One reason for this is that there is only one part-time international admissions counselor to handle all of the international student recruitment as well as regional recruitment within the U.S.

Students expressed that Xavier places priority on the income from the international students’ family rather than on bringing diverse racial and socio-economic perspectives in their classrooms.

Xavier preaches its goal of “preparing students for a world that is increasingly diverse, complex and interdependent.” But some international students feel as though they have been left behind in funding and attention as the emphasis fades on bringing in more students of all racial and socio-economic backgrounds.



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Interlink Peer Mentor (IPM) program has mentors help international students and scholars adjust to campus.



# Cincy streets revert back to 1910s

Some street names in the city are changing to their original German roots

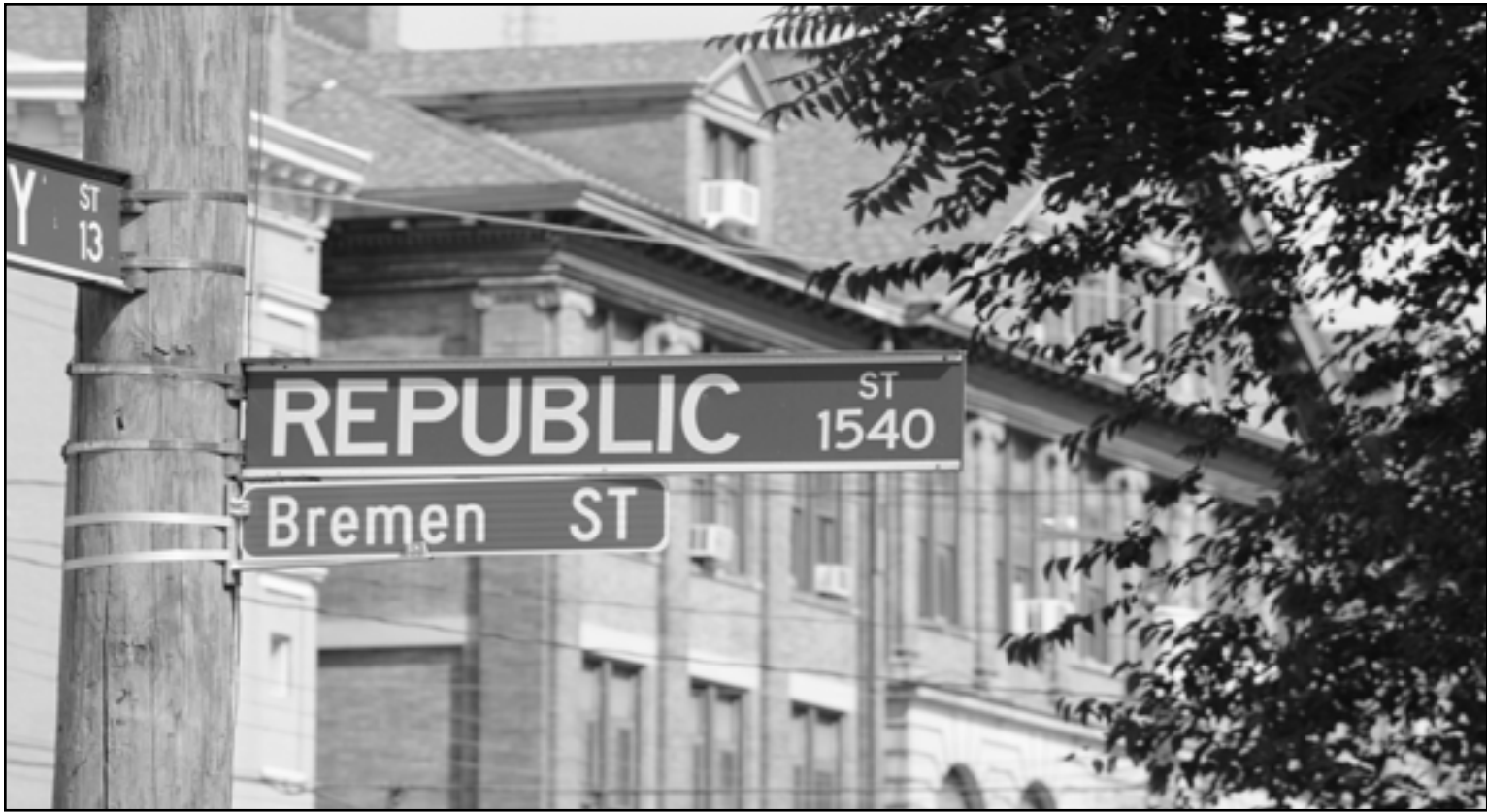


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A number of streets in the Cincinnati area are being changed back to their original German names. The streets had their names changed because of anti-German hysteria during World War I. Some original names are being featured beneath the more commonly known names, as pictured above.

**By ERICA LAMPERT**  
*Staff Writer*

Over 100 years ago, the streets of Cincinnati were renamed because of the anti-German hysteria during World War I. However, last week, several city leaders, representatives of Germany and descendants of German immigrants gathered together to restore the city’s original German street names.

“I think it’s a cool idea to help honor and celebrate Cincinnati’s German heritage and

the families that helped build the city,” senior Mackenzie Stenroos said.

Some streets in Over-the-Rhine (OTR) are going back to their original German names: Woodrow is changing to Berlin, Stonewall to Hamburg and Yukon to Hanove. Seven other major streets will keep their current names. However, the original German names will hang below the street signs.

Residents will be happy to know that because the signs

are hanging below the original street names, they will not have to change their address labels to match them.

“It’s a great idea,” historian and Cincinnati native David Groh said. “Cincinnati obviously has a rich German heritage that should be honored. The Germans, unlike previous immigrants, settled in the interior of the country in places such as Ohio. It’s great the city has decided to honor these early settlers to the area.”

“I’ll be really happy that finally the wrongs of World War I will be addressed and made right,” President of the German-American Citizens League Don Heinrich Tolzmann said.

The names of the signs that will hang below the current street names are: Republic (Bremen) Street in OTR; Edgecliff (Brunswick) Point and Merrimac (Hapsburg) Street, both in Walnut Hills; Panama (Vienna) Street in California; Orion (Wilhelm) Street and Bere-

dith (Schumann) Place, both in Pleasant Ridge and Connecticut (Frankfort) Avenue in College Hill.

“Cincinnati has a lot of German heritage and it’s interesting to pay homage to that in a small way,” senior Kyra Buffi said.

However, there are some people who are unhappy with the street signs merely hanging below the current street name signs. They would rather find places where residents would agree to change the names entirely.

“Based on their names and heritage, people were being discriminated against, and city council approved this,” Doug Newberry of Kennedy Heights said. “It was a wrong thing to do 100 years ago. 100 years is long enough.”

The city council must vote on the name changes today and City Councilman Chris Seelbach does not anticipate any opposition.

The council hopes that changing the street names will remind people of the damage caused by fearing entire groups of people.

“It shows history does repeat itself,” Seelbach said. “Too often we see entire ethnicities or races blamed for the actions of a small few. Whether it was German descendants in 1918 or Syrian refugees in 2016, we can’t keep fearing and blaming entire cultures within our society.”

## Campus Watch

*Here’s what’s happening at other schools in the area*

**Miami University** – The university launched its first campus climate survey in the spring of this year, asking students at the Oxford campus and the two branches in Middletown and Hamilton a series of questions on their personal experiences regarding a variety of subjects, including diversity, sexual harassment and assault.

**Ohio University** – A traveling replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., came to campus last week. More than 2,000 people, including at least 500 students, visited the so-named “Wall That Heals.” The wall was designed by an Ohio University student and will visit 38 campuses this year.

**Ohio State University** – The campus was rocked this

week when a fourth-year psychology student and her boyfriend were found dead in an off-campus apartment. Police have ruled the deaths a murder-suicide.

**University of Cincinnati** – The university’s sustainability office has opened a bicycle repair shop, called The Bike Kitchen, where students can receive free service and also learn about how to reduce their personal carbon footprint.

**Northern Kentucky University** – About a dozen students protested President Trump’s DACA policy at the Board of Regents meeting, carrying signs expressing solidarity with LatinX students on campus. The students were welcomed and regents stayed after the meeting to talk with them.

## Write for Newswire

*We know you want to write the news for us, so have a Mad Lib article to complete*

After spending a majority of last six months in the spotlight, \_\_\_\_\_ has become \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ from any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

According to a statement from a spokesperson for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ just needs some time out of sight to relax.

“\_\_\_\_\_ has been very busy with \_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_,” Aubrey Walker, \_\_\_\_\_’s spokesperson, said in a statement to \_\_\_\_\_ over the weekend. “\_\_\_\_\_ feels that \_\_\_\_\_ has been receiving a ridiculous amount of \_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to the millions of more important things happening around the world.”

\_\_\_\_\_ was covered in as many as 112 online articles, 19 different TV news

segments and a whopping 453 listicles and Buzzfeed articles, most of which are titled “20 Reasons Why I love \_\_\_\_\_.” The newfound reclusiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ is following a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks ago. After this cleverly executed and masterminded \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ has spent the last few weeks going to court and being dogged by media.

As a result of dealing with the stress from the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the oversaturation of media coverage, \_\_\_\_\_ has also begun having performance issues. Students have noticed \_\_\_\_\_, as well as \_\_\_\_\_.

“I understand exactly what \_\_\_\_\_ is going through,” first-year Jimmy Mack said. “I’ve been in

some pretty stressful situations. I \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ when I was in high school, and it was pretty difficult for me.”

Walker disagreed with Mack, who felt the need to share the above anecdote during the statement.

“There has been quite a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,” Walker said. “\_\_\_\_\_. There are \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and people are focusing on \_\_\_\_\_. High school issues are nothing like the overreaching world-wide media coverage that has afflicted \_\_\_\_\_.”

\_\_\_\_\_ was unable to be reached for a comment.

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# Muslims slaughtered in Myanmar

## Students react to what the U.N. calls an ‘ethnic cleansing’ of Rohingya



Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims have fled their homes in Myanmar after being targeted in what a United Nations official called a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing.” The Rohingya group is a stateless ethnic minority in the country and is subjected to regular persecution.

**By SAVIN MATTOZZI**  
*Staff Writer*

Zeid Ra’ad al-Hussein, the United Nation’s (U.N.) top human rights official, has called the crisis in Myanmar a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing.” His statement comes after nearly 471,000 Rohingya Muslims fled Rakhine state in southwestern Myanmar. An estimated 400

have been killed since violence that erupted in late August, according to *Reuters*. The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) attacked several police posts in the northwestern portion of the Rakhine state on August 25. It was this action that provoked the military response that has led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands.

“It seems like the actions of a few impacted the masses,” senior biology major Akhil Kavuri said. “I just feel like I’m reading articles about these topics much more often. It’s a lot easier to blame a specific group than to look at the deep root of the problem, whatever the economic or social problem is.” The Rohingya are cur-

rently an ethnic minority in Myanmar, which is a predominantly Buddhist country, who are subjected to regular persecution. They are currently not a recognized ethnic group in Myanmar and therefore have not been granted citizenship. After a 1962 coup, the Rohingya were only given foreign identity cards, offering them limited mobility and

leaving them without citizenship status.

“I feel like there hasn’t been enough media coverage to look into it... This has been going on for so long, and nobody knows about this, not even me,” senior communications major Deena Dakhiel said. “(The) government is not being held accountable, and, again, the U.N. isn’t doing anything.”

The Myanmar government claims that it is taking part in counter-terrorist operations against ARSA, which the nation declared a terrorist organization.

al-Hussein has stated that the U.N. has received “multiple reports and satellite imagery of security forces and local militia burning Rohingya villages and consistent accounts of extrajudicial killings, including shooting fleeing civilians.”

There have also been unconfirmed reports of land mines placed on paths that civilians have been using to escape to neighboring Bangladesh.

“I don’t even know if I’m desensitized to it, which is terrible, you know?” Kavuri said. “If I read this two, three years ago, I would have been surprised, but I feel like I hear a lot more of these issues on almost a monthly basis.”

# POLICE NOTES

**Sept. 13, 1:11 p.m.** — Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police when a pedestrian was struck by a car at the intersection of Dana Avenue and Saint Francis Xavier Way. The student was unhurt and the driver was cited and sent on his or her way.

**Sept. 13, 1:19 p.m.** — A student reported that his or her bike was stolen. Xavier Police later arrested a subject who was caught stealing a second bike. It is believed that this is the same person responsible for several bike thefts around campus.

**Sept. 14, 12:10 a.m.** — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police responded to a report of a student who was robbed at gunpoint on Brooks Avenue. The suspects were not located and an XU Alert Me was issued.

## NOTE OF THE WEEK

### Tours make me sick, too

**Sept. 14, 5:10 p.m.** — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Fire assisted a non-student visitor when he or she became ill while visiting campus. The person was escorted to a local hospital.

**Sept. 15, 2:20 a.m.** — Xavier Police checked on the well-being of an underage intoxicated student who was being carried by another student. The student was well enough to handle him or herself and was sent back to his or her dorm for the night and

referred to the student code of conduct.

**Sept. 16, 12:40 a.m.** — Xavier Police responded to a fire alarm in Husman Hall. The alarm was set off by a student using an e-cigarette. The student was advised to not use the device indoors and the alarm was reset.

**Sept. 16, 4:47 a.m.** — Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with a non-student gunshot victim who came into the UDF at Montgomery Road and Dana Avenue. The victim was uncooperative and Cincinnati Police is investigating the matter.

**Sept. 18, 7:13 p.m.** — Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with detaining a subject who was wanted in connection to a report of shots fired at Clarion Avenue and Montgomery Road.

## Week in review

### What you may have missed

- After making a Facebook post offering \$5,000 for a strand of Hillary Clinton’s hair, Martin Shkreli was jailed. He currently awaits trial for fraud (Sept. 13).
- Nutmeg, believed to have been the world’s oldest cat, died of heart failure at age 32 (Sept. 14).
- A California judge reinstated a 2004 statewide ban on foie gras (Sept. 15).
- More than 1,000 Juggalos, a nickname for fans of the band Insane Clown Posse, gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the FBI’s classification of their group as a gang (Sept. 16).
- A 32-year-old woman faked a seizure to escape from two attackers who handed her a threatening note while on a train. The woman was OK. (Sept. 18).
- Toys ‘R’ Us has filed for bankruptcy after years of decline due to Amazon’s rise in the toy-supplying sphere (Sept. 19).



Nutmeg the cat, celebrating his 31st birthday here, died on Thursday.



# Listening extends both ways

To start, I have a couple of items for clarification. Firstly, this op-ed is indeed in conversation with those that have appeared in the last several issues of the *NewsWire*. Secondly, it should be noted that I am a Libertarian with some Conservative sympathies, not really a Conservative.

However, that doesn't impair my ability to observe. I believe that as a Libertarian, I encounter many of the same situations that have been applied to Conservatives in these past articles. With this background established, I'd like to expand and re-focus this ongoing debate.

I am primarily concerned with the most recent article of the three entitled, "Conservatives, we don't hate you."

I should start by saying that I appreciate the sentiment behind this article and its acknowledgement of at least

some of the nuance behind the titular political philosophy. I also couldn't agree more with the idea of choosing one's friends. Each individual absolutely should have the right to be or not to be friends with someone for whatever reason, no questions asked.

However, the rest of the article delves into the expectation of sympathy from minorities. While this is an interesting concept, I believe that it misses the real issues at the heart of the broader debate, if not at the heart of the previous two articles.

When the authors of the first two articles spoke of right-wing students being afraid to speak their beliefs, they are not, as the most recent article suggests, afraid of "criticism."

Criticism is necessary to a healthy intellectual life, especially in an academic setting. While I am sure that there

are Conservatives who shy away from it, this aversion has nothing to do with the fact that they are Conservative.

What Conservatives at large are afraid of is something much uglier. They are afraid of being shouted down and ridiculed. Criticism involves intelligently listening to a proposed argument and weighing its pros and cons. What Conservatives often face, on college campuses and beyond, is a widespread, if not systematic, "shutting up" of their ideas, often in what approaches violent fashion. This is followed by an alienation that is often disproportionate to the idea brought up. For example, the word "racist" gets thrown around now in response to seemingly unrelated but typically right-leaning ideas.

Furthermore, this university is one of many venues that has a bad case of what I call, "Liberal-normativity." This idea was more or less addressed in the first article on this issue. What I mean by "Liberal-normativity" is the systematic and unconscious assumption that left-leaning

ideas and policies are "correct" or "normal" by default.

For example, I remember one of the meetings for a class I attended my freshman year. It was entirely concerned with the issue of poverty, and what could be considered the "cornerstone" of the session was that the government should have sole responsibility over caring for the poor. I concede that this is a widely held belief, but the class taught it as indisputable fact, and it is certainly not.

Any Libertarian or Conservative will tell you that it is more than open to debate where the balance exists between private charity and government aid. This "Liberal-normativity" is especially scary when paired with the act of shouting down. While my class section remained calm, one of my friends said that his instructor became belligerent

as soon as he challenged the established status quo.

I am well aware that Liberals don't hate all Conservatives or Libertarians, and I am unspeakably thankful for that. As much as this campus is imperfect, I am very happy with the amount of intellectual and diverse discussion that does happen here.

Improvements can still be made. I can see why the previous author thinks that many Conservatives need to be more willing to listen to things like the struggles of minorities. At the same time, however, I would propose that many Liberals need to be more willing to listen to Conservatives and stop pretending that their ideas don't exist or don't matter. No one should ever be forced to agree, but a necessary component of "agreeing to disagree" is that no one should be "assumed" out of existence.

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## We are more than our politics

"Cura Personalis," or care for the whole person, is one of Xavier's greatest values inherited from the Jesuits. In terms of education, this value is often expressed as a desire to help individual students grow and learn in all aspects of their lives. Well-rounded individuals advance themselves intellectually, physically, spiritually, emotionally and so on.

Personally, I find this concept compelling because it emphasizes that we as people are not limited to a single defining trait or skill. Each of us has traits or features that are more refined, abilities and skills in which we excel. However, we can continue to further ourselves in all areas so that we are set up to be competent and successful individuals in places where we are weak.

It may seem like an odd conclusion, but a lot of the recent political turmoil has actually reaffirmed my belief in

the need for a "Cura Personalis" approach to life. Specifically, I think that the growing strife may be connected to a lack of well-roundedness.

I think everyone would agree that people, as a whole, are incredibly complex and intricate. Each person we meet has his or her own beliefs, thoughts, ideas, hopes and dreams. Yet, when it comes to politics, we are radically separated into categories based on how we, or one of our stances, are perceived.

As an example, say I have a (fictitious) friend named Percival who is pro-life. Almost instinctively, our minds have slotted Percival into a category

of conservative beliefs that he may not wholly fit. We do not know the truth about him, or what he believes. For all we know, he could be pro-life, pro-gun control, pro-big government, and

pro-family. Most of those values tend to be the exact opposite that we would associate with someone who is pro-life.

Often times in contemporary politics, people are hyper-focused on particular issues or narratives to the point where those issues and narratives begin to bleed across their entire lives. This is just what "Cura Personalis" seeks to avoid because it lets one facet of life domi-

nate the rest.

I'm certain everyone has encountered someone like this at some point in their life. There's that one guy who can't let anyone forget he's related to a politician. Maybe it's the girl who constantly reminds every one of her study abroad trip. It could be the guy who constantly approaches everything from an intersectional feminist perspective. Or perhaps it's the girl who prefaces every single statement with "as a Reagan conservative."

Letting singular pieces of your personality or identity dominate the rest isn't healthy, nor is it beneficial for society. As we have clearly seen throughout the past few months, our nation has become increasingly divided. In part, this is due to people allowing political issues, narratives or identifications drive them away from one another.

During the 2016 election, I saw so many people destroy relationships simply because

they disagreed over an issue, a candidate or even a joke. I continue to see it now, with single issues driving wedges between friends or destroying entire social networks. Frankly, if one political disagreement is enough to ruin the friendship or relationship two people have built, they really need to take a step back and assess the priorities in their lives. We aren't all politics, and disagreements aren't the end of the world.



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# I believe in feministic Christianity

As a feminist, I will say that my faith plays a big role in my activism. It is through my faith that I believe that every person should be treated with equal respect and have their human dignity valued without being discriminated against because of their identities.

I was raised as a Pentecostal Christian. Going to church as a child, it was really interesting learning the biblical stories, and I would be lying if I didn't say those stories motivated me to go church. Among these are the story of creation, Abraham, Lot and Samson. These stories are about men of God and evil women, women who tempted the men into sinning against God.

And as I grew up, I came to learn many biblical verses that portrayed women as evil and inferior. This understanding came through going to church sermons where the preachers would justify their beliefs that women are inferior, because God created man before woman and then would fail to explain the other two accounts of creation. The funny thing is that a preacher said a woman was made from a man's rib, which is why women have more ribs than men. I felt so stupid when I realized that we all have the same number of ribs. This is just one example



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**Throughout the history of Christianity women have been portrayed as sources of evil and distraction from man living a pure life as Christians. This view of women in the Church is contradictory to the message of Christianity.**

of many misinterpretations of the Bible that promote misogyny and patriarchy.

Having all these teachings undermine my existence and value as a woman, I questioned what kind of God would create human beings and say they look equal before His eyes and then make me feel less valued? What kind of God would say I (as a human being) am created in His image and then would also justify me being treated as inferior because of my gender? What kind of God would call me to share the Good News to the world and also say I should

not speak in the church?

These questions, along with many others, made me question what I was taught in church. I questioned the church's doctrines, and I became more aware of sexism in the church, how the Bible is used as a tool to perpetuate women's oppression, encourage rape culture, foster toxic masculinity and preserve gender-based violence.

This contradicted the other teachings I learned about Jesus (my favorite activist), who happened to be the role model to "all" Christians. Jesus taught against injustices.

My understanding of Jesus' teachings was so different from what most preachers taught. So I started to concentrate on his teachings and the stories of women in the Bible like Deborah, who was a judge and is my inspiration when it comes to my interest in leadership, Esther and so many more.

When I started to become vocal in my feminism, some friends asked me if I was still a Christian. What fascinates me is that my advocacy to treat people with respect and dignity can be used to question my Christian faith. I do what I do

because of my spiritual beliefs. It is because of my Christianity that I am a feminist – not the other way around.

My feminism is not independent of my spirituality. I am not an expert in theology, nor am I a preacher, but one thing that I believe is that God created me for a purpose that is not going to be limited by my gender. I also believe God gave me wisdom to discern what is wrong and the courage to speak out against inequality of any kind, including gender inequality. For me, this is a shallow explanation of Christianity and feminism because there are so many sexist beliefs deeply rooted into the Christian faith that require us to demolish and redefine what it means by saying we were created in God's image.



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## An attack on indifference and the noun "love"

To paraphrase St. Paul: love is not wheedling. Love is not spineless. Love is not whining. Love is not childish. Love is not selfish. Love is not abstract. Love is not indifferent. Love requires the courage and will to take concrete action and to stake out a position. Love requires the humility and wisdom to revise or

abandon a previous position when confronted with new evidence. Love exists not on the level of logos or pathos but on the level of praxis. Love is a verb, not a noun.

Recently there was an op-ed defending indecisiveness and a lack of political opinions as if it were acceptable because even if you don't believe in a cause, you still believe in friends and family. This suggests two things to me: a fear of being wrong and an unwillingness to look outside one's immediate circle. In short, a childish concept of love that is still based primarily on kinship and friendship.

You will be wrong at many times in your life. Being afraid of being wrong is like being afraid of exhaling. If you hold your breath too long, you will

end up suffocating. Breathe and take a preliminary stance on an issue, even if you are unsure. Follow your instinct and be humble enough to change your mind, even if your instinct turns out to be wrong or if you receive new information. Do not change your opinion at the drop of a hat, but do not be overly stubborn, either.

The other problem is harder to solve. There exists at Xavier and in the United States more generally a kind of bubble that isolates many people from the greater community. If you travel to a place outside of your comfort zone you, like most people, will probably take a stance on political issues that affect them or people they love.


However, if you are only surrounded by friends and

family – people who are most likely similar to you in some way – and you happen to belong to a group that benefits from the way things are, you will likely oppose any change, even if that change will benefit people outside of your circle. Your love will

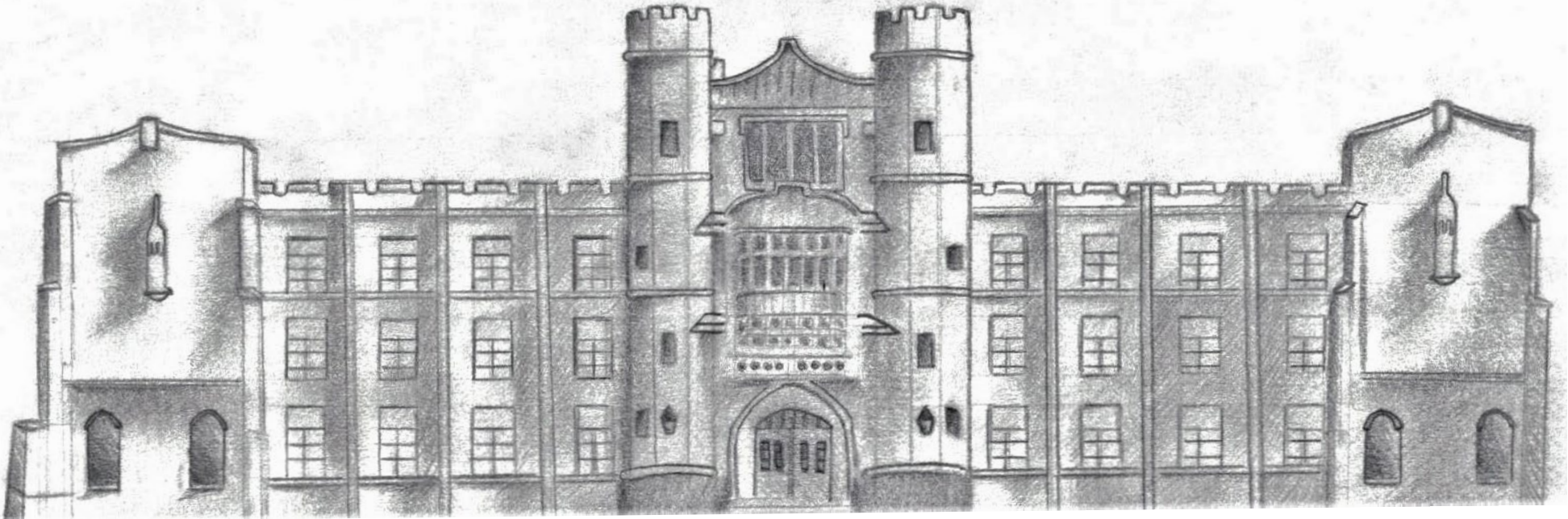
make you reactionary. Having no opinion means that you will tend to accept the status quo. No one you love, after all, suffers from social injustice. This results in a naïve faith in the current order. Radical change is unnecessary from this point of view. This is far

from the truth. In reality, a higher kind of love is necessary: solidarity. Solidarity is best understood as a kind of political love based on mutual respect and commitment between people and groups, genuine selflessness, patient hope, true humility and noble courage. It requires forming an opinion, constant reflection and reflective action for the common good and the liberation of all. This is the kind of love that a Jesuit university is supposed to instill. Love is a verb, not a noun.

**Having no opinion means that you will tend to accept the status quo. No one you love, after all, suffers from social injustice. Resulting in a naïve faith in the current order.**



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# Indians set historic league record

*Jose Ramirez & pitching shine during miraculous 22-game winning streak*

BY JACK DUNN  
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The Indians win streak was finally ended by the Kansas City Royals in Cleveland on Sept. 15. The longest streak in major league history halted at 22 wins.

This incredible feat of baseball has some crazy statistics with it. It is the second longest streak in MLB history, but only by a technicality. The 1916 Giants “won” 26 games in a row. However, there was a tie in the middle, resulting in two streaks of 14 and 12 games.

Cleveland’s run differential during the streak was off the charts. Opponents lost by an average of 4.77 runs and were outscored by an astounding 142-37. Thirteen games were won by four or more runs. Only one win was determined by a walk-off and the team was only behind in eight innings during the stretch.

In order to achieve such a long streak, both the hitting and pitching needed to be on their A game. The team’s

slash line was .306/.385/.552. Jose Ramirez was the Indian’s best hitter during the streak. He hit an impressive slash line of .423/.426/.944 with 11 doubles, eight home runs, five walks and three strikeouts. The pitching staff was on fire during the streak, posting a great 1.77 ERA and a 5.35 K/BB ratio.

Indians owner Paul Dolan commented, “It’s great to have this streak, but I’d rather win two out of three all year long than have the longest winning streak by two games. If you win two out of three every time, you hoist the trophy at the end. Streaks are nice... but two out of three through October would be nice.”

While Indians pitcher Trevor Bauer was at UCLA, he started a game that resulted in snapping a 22-game win streak. History repeated itself when he took the mound on Friday and the Indians lost 4-3 to the Royals. The loss came in front of a sellout crowd of 34,025, who gave

the team a standing ovation to celebrate its monumental accomplishment.

The Indians had huge support from their fans during the streak. “(The fans) have been so supportive,” said Indians manager Terry Francona. “The atmosphere around here is incredible and I think our players wanted to show their appreciation. It’s by no means the last game of the year or anything like that, it’s just been pretty incredible how they’ve reacted and we just wanted to show our appreciation because we don’t take it for granted.”

The reigning American League Champions took a step closer to returning to the World Series with this record-breaking streak.

It was able to claim the AL Central title, securing a playoff spot and closing in on a top seed in the American League playoffs. The club is now on pace for its third 100-win season. The Indians look to return to the World Series for a second straight year.



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Indians pitcher Trevor Bauer and the rest of the pitching staff put on a clinic against opposing hitters during the win streak with a 1.77 ERA.

# Men’s and women’s tennis teams off to hot start

## Ghidotti & Abelson earn tourney MVP honors Araujo, Lee & Dell start strong

BY TIM KRAMER  
Guest Writer

The Xavier women’s tennis team finished up this weekend’s play, competing at the Cincinnati Invitational. The Musketeers were led by outstanding upperclassmen leadership but also promising transfer talent in the back-end.

During Friday’s singles matches, Senior Lauren Ghidotti shined casting a 3-0 record on Friday, facing counterparts from Illinois-Chicago, Ball State and Cincinnati. Another standout performer from Friday’s contest was the senior transfer from Central Florida, Elizabeth Bagerbaseh. She had a tremendous start to her Xavier career, posting a 3-0 record in singles play on the

weekend.

Ghidotti was said to be the MVP of the weekend in both singles and doubles play, with her partner, junior Sophia Abelson. Ghidotti and Abelson competed together on the doubles court against quality opponents from Ball State and school rival foe, the Cincinnati Bearcats. The combination of Ghidotti and Abelson won both of these matches with scores of 6-0 and 6-1.

The Musketeers finished the weekend with a record of 15-4 in singles play. This is quite an impressive stat, considering the high-level of competition that participated in the invitational. The doubles teams showed promise with a final card of 5-5 over the weekend. This is a solid

record to begin the season, but clearly there is room for improvement.

“Our team competed well against some quality opponents,” Head coach Doug Matthews told Xavier Athletic Communications. “We have some areas we need to improve, especially in doubles play, but this was a great start.”

All in all, the Cincinnati Invitational was a productive start for the Musketeers. The team looks to carry its strong momentum into the next match when it competes at the Miami Invitational Sept. 29. The Musketeers look motivated to improve from last year after falling to St. John’s in the Big East semifinals last May. So far, it seems to be off to an impressive start.

BY COLIN COOPER  
Guest Writer

This weekend, Xavier men’s tennis began its fall season at the ATP Invitational in nearby Mason, Ohio. In the event, which lasted throughout the weekend, the Musketeers were able to obtain not only victories in both singles and doubles play but also gain momentum to start the season.

The team entered the tournament being led by seniors Gabriel Araujo and Connor LaFavre. Alongside the seniors, sophomores Michael Lee and Nate Dell played in the weekend’s events. Also on the squad, the Musketeers were joined by three new players. Freshmen Jan Vrba, Brett Winters and Alejandro Rodriguez-Vidal all made their Xavier tennis debuts in the ATP Invitational.

On the first day of play on Friday, the team notched seven singles wins and three doubles wins. All three freshmen were able to obtain singles victories in their respec-

tive flights, getting them their first career college victories. Senior Araujo was also able to get his first victories of the season by winning two singles matches.

Xavier also competed in doubles play on Friday. Sophomores Michael Lee and Nate Dell won their doubles match in their flight, along with Winters and Vidal, who were also able to come away with a win in their match. Araujo and Dykema won their doubles match on Friday as well.

The action continued Saturday with members of the squad competing in both singles and doubles events. Xavier was able to come away with a win in the doubles second flight bracket. Although the team was only able to gain wins in doubles action on Saturday, the team gained strong experience and momentum heading into their next event.

The team will travel to Kalamazoo, Mich., this Saturday for the next competition, the Western Michigan Invitational.



Photo courtesy of Doug Cochran

Senior Lauren Ghidotti had a masterful performance at the Cincinnati Invitational with victories in singles and doubles play. She was awarded tournament MVP in singles as well as doubles with partner Sophia Abelson.



Photo courtesy of Doug Cochran

Senior Gabriel Araujo had a strong performance this weekend for Xavier men’s tennis, capturing two singles and one doubles victories.



# Schmaltz voices XU sports

*Broadcaster's career covering Xavier athletics spans decades*

By PAUL FRITSCHNER  
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Over the years, Xavier fans have become accustomed to hearing the voice of Joe Sunderman on the airwaves when they tune into the radio broadcast of a men's basketball game. Now, there is a new voice those in the Xavier community have grown to know and love: Mike Schmaltz. The 49-year-old is a Swiss Army Knife when it comes to broadcasting, as he broadcasts nearly every Xavier sport besides men's basketball.

A native of Cincinnati, the Moeller High School graduate never intended to go into broadcasting.

"I tried out for baseball, and the guy I was throwing with was kind of my size, but his arm was like Major League. He started ripping. He was throwing line drives and I was throwing rainbows, I thought, 'Well this isn't going to work.' I tried to find a way to stay around (sports)," Schmaltz said.

After finishing his education at Ohio University, his first exposure to Xavier came when he interned for Tom Eiser in athletic communications in the early 1990s. Back then, in the pre-Cintas Center era, the offices were housed over in Schmidt Fieldhouse. After his internship ended, it was almost a decade before Schmaltz found his way back to Victory Parkway.

In 2002, he was working for Kentucky Motor Speedway when he got a call that Xavier needed a play-by-play

announcer for a women's basketball game. He had no experience behind a microphone, but took the opportunity that was presented to him.

Little did he know at the time, there was an ulterior motive behind the request to broadcast the games.

Teams are given a certain number of timeouts to call throughout the game, but what some people might not know is that there are also a set number of timeouts during games that are not called by coaches.

These are called media timeouts, and they generally happen every four to five minutes. Head Coach Kevin McGuff was in his first season as coach of the women's team, and to use his allotted media timeouts, he needed a media member at the games.

While he didn't know it at the time, Schmaltz broadcasting the games was a win-win: It allowed the team to gain exposure through the broadcasts, and it allowed McGuff the ability to utilize the media timeouts.

Schmaltz still remains the main voice for women's basketball. He was on the call when the Musketeers lost a heartbreaker in the Elite Eight in 2010. He has broadcasted the careers of two of Xavier's best women's basketball players in history, Amber Harris and Ta'Shia Phillips. Both women were drafted in the first round of the WNBA draft.

His work has led him all over the country. He has com-

mentated games at Madison Square Garden, Cameron Indoor Stadium and Phogg Allen Fieldhouse, among other notable venues.

"Mike is the ultimate team player and has been invaluable to Xavier over the years, as he's been willing to work any event big or small," said Brendan Bergen, who works in communications for Xavier Athletics. "He's always in a good mood, has a lot of fun with our broadcasts, and clearly loves Xavier more than anybody."

It's not hard to find someone who will speak highly of Schmaltz, both because of the excellence of his work on the air and the quality of his persona off the air.

"Schmaltz is a great asset to

us as a broadcaster and media personality," said Patrick Dillon, the director for marketing in athletics. "To top it off, he is a great guy and someone I am glad is a representative for Xavier Athletics."

While he started off broadcasting women's basketball, he has taken on other sports like men's and women's soccer, volleyball and baseball in recent years.

When Xavier joined the Big East in 2013, the Big East Digital Network was formed. Schmaltz pioneered the way for Xavier to enter on the platform.

"It's been neat to watch (Xavier) grow," he said. "I never expected to be doing any of this, or doing it this long either."



Newswire photo by Paul Fritschner

Newswire staff writer Paul Fritschner poses with broadcaster Mike Schmaltz. The two team up to commentate Xavier athletic games.

## Bluiett named preseason All-American

By LUKE FELICIANO  
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Senior guard Trevon Bluiett was named to the Blue Ribbon Basketball Yearbook's preseason Third Team All-American team on Tuesday.

Bluiett was a major contributor and leader for the Musketeers last season, leading the men's basketball team to its third Elite Eight appearance in school history.

Bluiett is best known for his innate ability to shoot the basketball from behind the arc. He had a 43.8 field goal percentage while also shooting 37.1 percent from three-point range. Overall, he collected an average of 18.5 points per game a year ago, which ranked him third highest in the Big East conference.

Bluiett's play last season remained consistent as he was able to score 665 points last year, the most amount of points he has scored in a single season at Xavier.

He currently sits at 1,585 total points for his career and is currently on pace to eclipse the 2,000 point milestone. If he is able to do so, he will join an elite club of Xavier basketball greats like Byron Larkin and David West who have the first and second most points in a Xavier career.

## Quarterbacks command early Heisman watch

*Baker Mayfield, Mason Rudolph and Sam Darnold slated as top candidates*



Photo courtesy of cashherald.com

Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield is a consensus early Heisman Trophy winner according to most experts. Mayfield hopes to lead the Sooners back to the College Football Playoff for the second time in three years.

By DONNIE MENKE  
Staff Writer

This college football season has been full of surprises, and the Heisman race has been no different. Other than reigning winner Louisville QB Lamar Jackson, many of the preseason favorites have disappointed.

Ohio State QB JT Bar-

rett, Washington QB Jake Browning, and Penn State RB Saquan Barkley have all failed to live up to expectations for some reason or another, and as a result, have fallen off the list of favorites.

Barrett has failed to show any signs of improvement with his passing mechanics, while Browning has taken a

step back with the loss of his top receiver from last year. Barkley, on the other hand, has fallen due to lack of carries.

In addition to Jackson, Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield, UCLA QB Josh Rosen, Oklahoma St. QB Mason Rudolph and USC QB Sam Darnold have emerged as the top

five candidates at this point.

Jackson has already compiled nearly 1400 yards of offense in three games to go along with 11 touchdowns. Should Jackson keep up this pace, he could become the first two-time Heisman winner since Archie Griffin in the 1970s and the second ever.

Although Mayfield doesn't have the rushing yards Jackson does, he is right there with him in passing yards, throwing for 1066 yards and 10 touchdowns so far. He also has a much better completion percentage than Jackson, connecting on 76.8 percent of his throws.

Rosen has had as much hype as any QB prospect since Andrew Luck, and has struggled to break through the last couple of years. If he is able to stay in the race, the comeback led against Texas A&M will serve as his signature moment.

His numbers stack up

well, as he's already thrown for 1283 yards and 13 touchdowns in three games to go along with a 65 percent completion percentage.

Rudolph has boosted his stock the most thus far this season, as he's been lighting up opposing defenses with ease. His 1135 passing yards and 11 touchdowns could possibly be higher if his team wasn't consistently blowing out opponents and putting in backups.

Darnold has disappointed somewhat, but coupled with the fact he has thrown for 1002 yards and seven touchdowns through three games show just how high expectations were for him.

It's still early in the year, and there's still time for new candidates to emerge and current ones to fall some. But so far, these five have impressed almost everyone, and aren't showing signs of slowing down.



# Student Art Corner: Shon Weathers

Senior Shon Weathers shares his musical talent with the Xavier community.



Senior Shon Weathers produces his own rap music which you can find by looking him up on SoundCloud.

**How did you get into music?** I grew up in a musical family, my dad was really into hip-hop and then like my grandfather played a lot, like a lot of oldies, my mother had a different taste, so she didn't play this silly rap but she played neo-soul.

**What is your sound?** Right now? To be honest I still feel like I'm finding myself. So there's rap and then there's like a million sub-genres or some number that's annoying, and the most popular one right now is the one you hear at parties and stuff. The one I really like, that I mainly stay in, is more so the boom-back, lyrical type of rap because I grew up on like the 90s hip-hop and stuff and that's what it was. So like, I would say now, especially, I just started experimenting recently, I found a way to take that new subgenre that everybody likes, and add that boom-back to it so that it comes out as something completely different.

**What inspires you when writing?** to some extent has been on like a journey of self discovery, like, where you're figuring out about yourself, what are you doing to better yourself, things

like that. So, a lot of songs'll be like...about a struggle of figuring out that...you're actually not as good of a person as you thought you were. Like, there's one song I wrote, um...it's called How it Goes, and it's basically about me figuring out how I became a f\*\*\*boy. I figured it out and I'm like okay we gotta fix this, cause I don't like it. And since that time it has changed, but, in that particular moment, I feel like a lot of dudes will be like "damn, like that...it happened to me." Or it'll be...I just feel like tellin' y'all I'm better than everybody. And you just go off that, if you find the right beat, y'know. So there's always something. Or it's the love song, y'know. There's always those. So, those are probably the easiest ones to do, and they usually come out the best, honestly. Everything I say has something behind it. Everything.

**Where do you see yourself in the future?** I want to graduate, I mean my major is film. And I live in New York. So...if I end up getting an internship, which I probably will, then, that's a networking opportunity, right? So maybe I work my

way up behind the scenes, and then I know how to disperse my music. I believe in the 10,000 hour rule. Not to say that being famous is a goal, it's mostly I just wanna be the best. There's a quote...something where it's like, "The thing about art is, success is for the self. Not the masses." So when it's satisfying you, then you might be done with it, but I haven't gotten to that point yet. As far-reaching as it seems, I think it's the problem with people, they see—they think something is too far out of their reach. Like "Oh you wanna do this, like come on, let's be realistic." It is being realistic. You see how many celebrities there are? There's too much money in the world for you not to be making some with 'em. But see none of that was the motive—none of that has anything to do with (it). I wanna be named with the Kendricks and the Coles and the Drakes. I want my name to be there. Whether I'm as rich as they are or not doesn't matter, I just want my name to be in that category. That's it.

**Anything else you want people to know?** Don't be realistic.

# Life of Kylie gets poor ratings



Kylie Jenner's spin-off Life of Kylie battled poor ratings in its first season.

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Life of Kylie saw its season wrap up this Sunday. The show followed beauty mogul Kylie Jenner's life over a two-month period. The star is incredibly active on all social media platforms, and the show was expected to give fans a behind-the-scenes, unedited view of the reality star's life.

Highlights of the season include Jenner's budding relationship with rapper Travis Scott, Jenner's MET Gala attendance and her travels to Peru and London.

The show faced criticism and low ratings for lack of drama. Promos for the show showcased intense and action-packed moments, which did not accurately reflect the reality of the show.

Inside sources said after the first few episodes aired, producers scrambled to re-edit the remaining installments to boost ratings.

The show was only contracted for one season as a sneak peek into the star's life as she faces peak media attention. There is no word from the show's host network, E! News, on whether Life of Kylie will ever return to the air. The reality television star can be seen on "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," the reality show that features her entire family and is celebrating its thirteenth season.

Kylie Jenner has been working on expanding her name's brand past her family ties. The twenty-year-old has several fashion lines, merchandise, a beauty line and now her own television show.

Now Playing:

"September" x Earth Wind & Fire

# Looking at LatinX heritage in entertainment

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September is LatinX Heritage Month, so let's take a look at a number of well-known LatinX figures so that you can get to know and appreciate the contributions that LatinX people have made to the entertainment industry.

**Alexis Bledel** is an American actress born to Argentine and Mexican parents, Alexis is best known for her role as Rory in the popular television show *Gilmore Girls* and was nominated for Satellite, Teen Choice and Young Artist

awards. On Sept. 17 she won a Primetime Emmy award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series for her work on *The Handmaid's Tale*.

**Junot Díaz** is an American writer of Dominican descent, Díaz won a Pulitzer Prize in 2008 for his first novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. He is the recipient of a MacArthur Genius Grant, and in 2017, he was introduced into the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

**Jennifer Lopez** is an American actress, singer, dancer, fashion designer and

television personality born to Puerto Rican parents, Jennifer has had hit songs such as "Jenny from the Block" and has starred in movies such as *Made in Manhattan* and *Selena*. She also served a stint as a judge on the popular television show *American Idol*. In 2014 she became the first female recipient of the Billboard Icon Award and was awarded the Telemundo Star Award this year.

**Lin-Manuel Miranda** was born in the United States and of Puerto Rican descent, Miranda is a composer, playwright and actor. He is best known

for writing and starring in the Broadway musical "Hamilton" for which he won the Pulitzer Prize as well as two Tony Awards. He also wrote songs for the Disney animated film "Moana" for which he was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe.

**Sofía Vergara** is a Colombian actress, model, comedian, tv host and producer, Vergara is perhaps best known for her role as Gloria Delgado on the popular television show *Modern Family* for which she received four Golden Globe nominations, four Primetime Emmy nominations and seven

Actors Guild nominations. In 2016 she appeared in a video for the Human Rights Campaign in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub shooting.



Photo courtesy of Time Magazine Lin-Manuel Miranda



# Analysis: Why Spicer’s Emmy’s appearance wasn’t funny

BY RILEY HEAD  
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Sunday night former Press Secretary Sean Spicer made an appearance at the Emmys. He surprised a majority of the audience by taking the stage behind the famous maneuverable podium that Melissa McCarthy used in her skits that mocked him. The former press secretary made some jokes about his defense of the lie made about the size of President Trump’s inauguration crowds.

People laughed in shock and confusion when Spicer appeared. Some celebrities in attendance, most notably James Corden, went on to take or post goofy pictures with the former press secretary.

The thing is, Sean Spicer isn’t funny or goofy.

He was a manipulative mouthpiece for a manipulative President. Sean Spicer lied to the press, refused to answer questions, and bullied reporters. Sean Spicer is responsible for the distortion of truth that was presented to the American public and is a large contributor to the devolution of truth and the creation of fake news.

Some reactions on social media have rushed to the defense of Spicer, claiming it

was clear he is no longer on Trump’s side and that he was making the joke on Trump.

I would make the claim that had Spicer not been fired by the Trump administration, Spicer would still be on the other side of the podium, spreading lies and misinformation to the American peo-

ple. Now is not the time for humorous absolution of guilt for opportunistic liars.

If Spicer is turned into a goofy little guy, a dangerous precedent of acceptance is set. We cannot normalize the abuse of power that he so complicitly enjoyed. If we forget what he did and the lies he told, we let this creation and dispersion of fake facts become part of the American narrative.

Spicer was paid with taxpayer dollars to be front of the Presidency and on that

salary of taxpayer dollars he lied again and again and again. The manipulation of spectacle and fame is exactly what landed Trump the Presidency. We must be able to differentiate from platform and knowledge. In this age of the internet and misinformation, we must stay vigilant and in-



Photo courtesy of cnn.com  
Former Press Secretary Sean Spicer tried to mock himself at the Emmy's Sunday.

# Boogie on the Boat

*This Friday is the annual SAC Boat Dance. If it’s your first year or your fourth, here are some helpful tips to make the best of your evening under the stars.*

**Do:** Dress in layers. You’ll be on a boat in the middle of a river and at the mercy of the unpredictable Cincinnati weather. Bring a light jacket or make sure your date has one you can borrow. There’s plenty of space for you to store it if you get too hot on the dance floor!

**Don’t:** Be (visibly) drunk. This *is* a school sponsored event, so if you’ve been drinking, they won’t let you attend. And the worst part? No refund.

**Do:** Wear clothes that you will be comfortable in. This is an event made for dancing! You’ll want to be comfortable and not feel the need to keep running to the bathroom to adjust. You also need to be able to stay on your feet for the entire five hours. I’m looking at you guy wearing sockless leather loafers.

**Don’t:** Eat before! Dinner is included with the purchase of your ticket. Make sure to save room for dessert because the cheesecake is usually quite delicious.

**Do:** Bring anything you’ll need for a touchup! Dinner is served on the boat, so there’s no shame in packing your lipgloss and maybe a couple of TUMS as well.

**Don’t:** Wear anything too outrageous. You will be taking public yellow schoolbuses all the way to the riverfront and will most likely have to share a seat. So maybe save that tulle ball gown for the next gala.

# Get ready for fall: *all the things you need to survive the impending cuffing season*



The pumpkin bubble bar from Lush’s new line of Halloween products is a luxurious way to unwind.



Dunkin Donuts pumpkin spice coffee line is a yummy and much cheaper alternative to the Starbucks PSL.



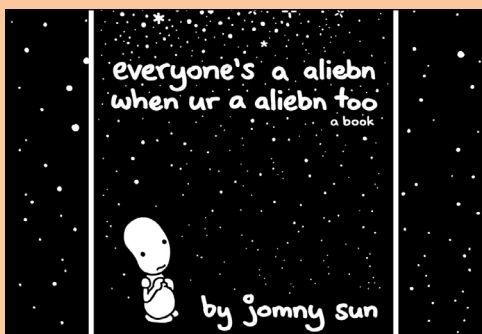
Gorman Heritage Farm offers their annual sunflower festival as well as a pumpkin patch



Target offers an adorable array of Halloween themed socks for only one dollar to keep your toes snuggly.



Take some time to explore the local Goodwill’s and thrift stores to find that perfect sweater to keep you warm this fall.



*everyone’s a aliebn when ur a aliebn too* is a great graphic novel about a confused alien discovering Earth and a delicious fall treat.



# 5 Things to do before the weather turns cold

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If making weekend plans based on the Apple Weather app’s forecast sounds like something you do, then this weekend, make plans outdoors. The app currently says (though we all know how often a Midwestern forecast can change) that this weekend should be sunny and in the high 80s. If last week’s weather showed us anything, though, it’s that fall is rapidly approaching, so this is likely one of the last weekends of true summer weather. We’ve compiled some activities you must do before the weather turns for good.

### 1. Catch the last rays of summer.

Reinvigorate that fading summer tan before it’s gone for the winter. Spend some time outside reading or working on homework, but make sure you make it outdoors to boost your vitamin D levels before the pale winter months are upon us.

### 2. Kayak or canoe.

The Little Miami is a great river for kayaking and canoeing, and this weekend is probably one of the last weekends when you won’t mind getting wet. Loveland Canoe and Kayak and 50 West Canoe and Kayak are two businesses nearby where you can rent a boat and be bussed to the put-in location. Both sections of the river covered on trips by these businesses go past some pretty dope rope swings. This activity is relatively cheap — it’s \$25 a kayak at Loveland Canoe and Kayak and less for a canoe.

### 3. Go for a hike.

Seriously, there are so many hiking trails around Cincinnati. Just Google good places to hike and you’ll find plenty. Whether you want to stay close to Xavier or make a day of it up at Red River Gorge, there’s no lack of awesome trails to trek this weekend.

### 4. Go to a park. Literally any park.

Like hiking trails, Cincinnati also has an affinity for public parks. If you’re looking for something more urban, head to Smale Riverfront Park. Spoiler alert: It’s on the riverfront. There are swings and a foot piano and fountains to run through (if you don’t mind fighting the little kids for them), so Smale is a great destination for anyone looking to really feel park life in the big city. If you’re looking for something with more foliage and waterfowl, Eden Park and Washington Park are both awesome places to check out.

### 5. Go to a restaurant and ask to be seated outside.

This final suggestion is pretty simple. Everyone loves going out to eat on the weekends, so change things up a little and ask to be seated outside. If you’re looking for a recommendation, Incline Public House on the west side of Downtown has an awesome view of the city without being insanely pricey, and the burger is to die for.

Even if you can’t wait for sweater weather and pumpkin carving, take advantage of this weekend. The leaves are already falling, midterms are quickly approaching and come second semester, we’ll all be wishing for the warm weather of summer.



**Aries:** Curl up with Hillary Clinton’s book, a can of Orange Crush and a box of Kleenex.



**Taurus:** *Game of Thrones* has given you a new appreciation for your aunt.



**Gemini:** Watch out! That last can of Natty will land you in Police Notes.



**Cancer:** You’ll probably win Split the Pot at the women’s volleyball game (but the pot will land you in Police Notes)



**Leo:** You’ll be the first to go to the new health center and forget your insurance card.



**Virgo:** You’ll be denied service at Subway when you say, “You got the meats?”



**Libra:** Congratulations! You win an all-expenses-paid vacation to Barbuda.



**Scorpio:** You just can’t get Despacito out of your head, can you?



**Sagittarius:** Go ahead... you can cross against the light!



**Capricorn:** Better start standing in line now if you want Villanova tickets.



**Aquarius:** Imagine Andy Dalton as a blonde and Taylor Swift loving her exes.



**Pisces:** You will find Father Graham’s lost ALLCard and be exempted from all finals.

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